

# ADMIRAL DEWEY SILENT

### He Refuses to Discuss His Candidacy for the Presidency.

Newspaper Callers at the Rhode Isl-  
and Avenue Home Informed That  
He Will Say Nothing Until His Re-  
turn From Philadelphia—Quietly

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey's maid, left Washington for Philadelphia this morning in a special car attached to the regular 11 o'clock Pennsylvania train. At 10:30 the party was driven from the Dewey home.

at 1747 Rhode Island Avenue, to the station. There was no sort of demonstration at any point along the line, and, indeed, few people seemed to recognize them. The Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were escorted to their car by the station master. The departure was uneventful. They occupied private car, No. 180, which

was placed at their disposal by the Pennsylvania officials. It has ample observation facilities and being placed at the end of the train it afforded every facility for a pleasant journey. The Admiral and Mrs.

Dewey will arrive in Philadelphia at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon. The programme there includes attendance at a concert under the auspices of Mrs. Cassatt, wife of the President of the Pennsylvania Railway, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the men who lost their lives in the

The Admiral and Mrs. Dewey are expected back in Washington tomorrow evening. Monday they will move to the summer home, Beauvoir, in Woodley Park. So far as is at present known, they will remain there for about three weeks, when the Admiral and his wife will start on their way home.

This morning the Dewey residence was besieged by newspaper representatives. To all the Admiral sent out word that he had

nothing to say. The butler informed the callers that the Admiral was too busy preparing for his Philadelphia trip to receive callers. Lieutenant Crawford, Admiral Dewey's secretary, told The Times representative that if the Admiral made any further statement regarding his candidacy for the Presidency it would not be until after his return.

"These messages are from people of too little importance to be of public interest."

public any announcement regarding his views on the political situation has left the whole country in mystery on that point. Nothing that he has said gives any clue as to whether he will be a candidate before the Republican or the Democratic Convention or whether he will head an independent party with "George Dewey, of Manila Bay," as its battle cry. In

"Will Admiral Dewey run independently if neither of the big parties select him to head its ticket?" was asked.

"As I understand it, the Admiral cannot be properly classed as a candidate for the Presidency. He has merely announced that he will run if the people want him. Further than that he has not gone. In other words, he is merely a candidate to be a candidate."

Yesterday, the Dewey house on Rhode

land Avenue was besieged with newspaper men. Correspondents of every big paper in the country sent up cards with varying success. This morning, however, the stream of newspaper men was not so heavy. Three of them had called before his departure for the train for Philadelphia, but none of them was received.

Except for the reporters there, however,

been few callers at the Dewey home since the announcement yesterday morning that the Admiral meant to let his name be used in connection with the Presidency. At the Capitol this morning interest in the matter was somewhat less pronounced. The Senators and Representatives approached generally declared that they had said all

they had to say on the subject.

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**OPINIONS OF COMMITTEEMEN.**

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**Views of the Democratic Party Managers on Dewey's Candidacy.**

NEW YORK, April 5.—The "Herald" this morning prints the replies to tele-

grams sent to members of the Democratic National Committee asking their opinions on the announcement of the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for the Presidency. The answers show an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Bryan, the North Dakota committeeman alone endorsing Dewey, while the California members have not yet

H. D. Clayton, Alabama: "The country has recovered from the hysterical attack of hero-worship. McKinley will be the nominee of the Republicans, and Bryan of the Democrats, and all who oppose the weakness and sin of McKinleyism, Bryanism, and the present administration will be crushed."

J. J. Dwyer, California: "Until the public is more fully informed of Admiral Dewey's politics and his views on current issues I do not see how I can intelligently express an opinion on his candidacy."

Alex Troup, Connecticut: "The Demo-

John Gilbert Shanklin, Indiana: "The Indiana Democracy is for the nomination of Bryan. \* \* \* Admiral Dewey is probably an aspirant for the Republican nomination."

C. A. Walsh, Iowa: "The sentiments of Iowa Democrats have been truly reflected at every State convention since 1896. In 1897, 1898, and 1899 Iowa Democrats instructed for Bryan, and I have no doubt

they will instruct for him this year."

J. G. Johnson, Kansas: "Kansas Democrats have but one candidate for President this year—Mr. Bryan."

Urey Woodson, Kentucky: "There is positively no Dewey sentiment in Kentucky, so far as I am advised. The Republicans are for McKinley, the Democrats for Bryan."

Daniel J. Campau, Michigan: "The crisis is too grave for sentiment or personal popularity to count for much."  
 Thomas D. O'Brien, Minnesota: "The Minnesota Democrats are united for William J. Bryan."  
 W. H. Thompson, Nebraska: "This State is for Bryan."

1793 L. NORRIS, New Hampshire: "New Hampshire will send a solid Democratic

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